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## EDITORIAL

The editor cannot allow the opportunity to pass without expressing his sincere appreciation to our retiring Secretary and Treasurer for the aid they have given him in the editorial work. It has not been merely moral support, but real support in the various functions that make up the work of manufacturing a journal like ours. The Club sustains a genuine loss because they do not feel that they can continue to serve us in this capacity. They have earned a rest. Of course the activities of these two officers have not been limited to the aid given to the editor. The greatly increased membership of the Club, its improved financial condition, and its morale are largely due to their efforts in behalf of the Club. And to the new officers we extend a most hearty welcome. From what we know of them they are worthy successors of two whom it will not be easy to equal.

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Our studies of the birds in the winter season have led us to the belief that at this time many birds are rather narrowly limited in their range. Whether this is true of individuals or not can only be accurately determined by banding operations. At this season there is so much danger that a bird confined in a trap for long will either be chilled or frozen, that it seems that the drop-trap is the only sort to use. That is, a drop-trap that is sprung by the person who is watching it. Of course it can be used about the home grounds, but this does not at all meet the need that I am thinking about, although it will accomplish certain results that are valuable. May there be somebody who can go out to where the birds live during the winter, set their drop-traps there, and learn from these operations just what occurs on the outside? That this is a very much needed work no one can question. We would like to see it done. If somebody will volunteer to lift the editorial burden and carry it, we would agree, with keen anticipations, to do some of this sort of banding hereabouts.